SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Govt. of India has introduced a scheme for laying of synthetic athletic tracks/artificial surfaces, which envisages providing financial assistance @ 50 per cent of the estimated cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs per track/surface to the State Governments, National Sports Fededrations/ Associations, etc. The balance amount is to be found by the State Government/User agency and an assurance of this given to the Central Government. Proposals have been invited from all State Governments. The State Govt. of Punjab has not yet sent any proposal under the scheme for laying of synthetic track at any of the places in Punjab.

However, the Central assistance released to Govt. of Punjab for development of sports and games i.e. creation of sports infrastructure under Central scheme of 'Grants to State Sports Councils etc.' during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Amount released
1984-85 . . .	Rs. 6,90,000/-
1985-86 . . .	Rs. 37,60,150/-
1986-87 . .	Rs 58,33,000/-

Music training in schools

224. PT. RAVI SHANKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion recently to introduce music training in schools right from the primary stage onwards; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Art Education is included as a significant area of child development in the curriculum developed in light of National Policy of Education 1986. In the programme of "Community Singing" songs in different languages have been included. They have also been compiled in a book entitled 'Let's Sing Together'. Efforts have also been made to teach community singing to teachers and children so as to enable them to sing these songs not only in mother tongue but also in different languages and to develop a sense of national identity.

Construction of coastal road between Madras and Vishakhapatnam

225. PROF C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made with regard to the construction of coastal road between Madras and Vishakhapatnam; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to construct this rood in view of its importance as an alternate communication network for the coastal districts in the part of the country, especially for the fishermen community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Madras is already connected to Vishakhapatnam by an existing NH. No. 5 running close to east coast serving all the major towns en-route. It is, therefore, not possible at this point-of time to render financial assistance for another parallel road in the coastal belt.

Opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas

226. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas opened during the last two years;

(b) the number of them located in the interior parts of the country;

(c) the number of them provided with all the facilities such as buildings, furniture, equipment and other requirements; and

(d) what monitoring systems have been evolved to assess the progress of the Navodaya schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a)

1985-86	2
1986-87	81
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(b) In accordance with the scheme more than 90 per cent of the Vidyalayas are located in the rural and interior parts of the country.

(c) In the first instance, land and building are being provided by the State/Union Territory Governments and all the Navodaya Vidyalayas are being provided with furniture, equipment and other requirements as per their needs.

(d) The monitoring of the schools is done through the field visits by the officers of (i) the Ministry (ii) Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (an autonomous organisation set up to establish, develop, maintain and manage the Navodaya Vidyalayas) (iii) National Council of Educational Research & Training (iv) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (v) State/Union Territories and through the Regional Offices of the Samiti set up at Shillong, Hyderabad, Pune, Bhopal, Lucknow and Chandigarh and monthly progress reports from the Principals of the Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Extension of runway at Vijayawada and Tirupati Airports

227. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by the Government to improve the facility, particularly the extension of runway at Vijayawada and Tirupati airports; and

(b) whether it is a fact that these are the only two airports under Southern region of Indian Airlines where there is no facility for landing of large size Boeing or Airbus type of aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Feasibility studies for developing Vijayawada and Tirupati airports for Boeing 737 operations have been carried out by the National Airports Authority. The State Government has been requested to provide land for the purpose.

(b) No, Sir. Coimbatore (Peelamedu) Airport also under Southern region of Indian Airlines is not suitable for operation of Boeing 737 aircraft. Besides, airports such as Cochin, Madurai, Trichy and Vishakhapatnam are not suitable for operations of Airbus A-300 aircraft.

Phasing out of Avro aircraft

228. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take to fully utilize the facilities of engineering base available at Hyderabad in view of the gradual phasing out of Avro aircraft;

(b) whether Government propose to allot A 320 (Air bus) aircraft to Hyderabad base so as to fully utilize the facilities available there; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to strengthen the Hyderabad engineering base?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) The facilities at Hyderabad Engineering Base are being fully utilised at present. Decrease in workload of HS-748 operations has been compensated by taking over additional work-